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THE HEART OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WORCESTER

WORCESTER, the second city of Massachusetts and "The Heart of the Commonwealth," with a population of over 100 000, occupies a pleasant hill-girt site near the Blackstone River. Its manufactures are of a most heterogeneous character, the staples being iron, copper, and steel wire, machinery, envelopes, boots and shoes, organs and pianos, to a total annual value of $50,000,000.

From the imposing Union Station, designed by H. H. Richardson, the visitor proceeds through Front Street to the Common, which contains a War Monument and a memorial of Col. Timothy Bigelow. On the west side of the Common rises the City Hall, an imposing building of white marble, completed in 1898. This faces Main Street. Following Main Street to the left we may see the Court-House and the building of the American Antiquarian Society. This society, one of the leading learned bodies of America, was founded in 1812 and possesses a valuable library of over 100,000 volumes and an interesting collection of relics. The collection of newspapers, comprising over 4000 volumes, extends from the *Boston News Letter* of 1704 down to the present day. In Salisbury Street is the Worcester Art Museum, erected, at a cost of $100,000, by Mr. Stephen Salisbury, and opened in 1898. Among its permanent contents are oil paintings, engravings, and casts. Loan exhibitions are held here from time to time.

Following Salisbury Street we come to a huge stone that marks the spot where once stood the home of George Bancroft, the father of American History. Following Main Street to the left from the Common, we pass the imposing new Post-office and reach Clark University, opened in 1887 and intended rather for the endowment of research than for ordinary educational purposes. Among the other buildings of interest are the Free Public Library with 80,000 volumes, the High School, the Natural Historical Society's Museum, the Polytechnic Institute, the Oread Institute, and the College of Holy Cross, commandingly situated on Mt. St. James, to the south of the city. Among the most pleasant excursions from Worcester is that to Lake Quinsigamond, a popular resort two miles to the east, reached by electric trolley. The views in this book are arranged, as far as possible, in the order mentioned in the description.

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FRONT STREET

THE JOHNSON HALL, TOWARD FRONT STREET

THE COMMON

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT

CITY HALL

HARRINGTON CORNER

MAIN STREET

STATE MUTUAL BUILDING

THE ARMORY

WORCESTER COUNTY COURT-HOUSE

WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

THE TOWER, INSTITUTE PARK

VIEW FROM THE TOWER, INSTITUTE PARK

SITE OF THE RESIDENCE OF GEORGE BANCROFT

THE BANCROFT TOWER

PANORAMA OF WORCESTER FROM THE BANCROFT TOWER

THE LAKE, ELM PARK

A VIEW IN ELM PARK

THE POST-OFFICE

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BOYNTON HALL, POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

THE ETHAN ALLEN HOME

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